

**Amendments to the Specification:**

**Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 31, line 21, with the following amended paragraph:**

FIGs. 8A-G illustrate access control lists, processes, mechanisms, data structures, and/or other aspects of some of an unlimited number of systems employing embodiments for updating counters or other accounting devices, or for performing other functions. Shown in FIG. 8A is an access control list 800 which defines accounting information to be collected in a counting mechanism one by statement 801 for access control list entries 803 and in a counting mechanism two by statement 802 for access control list entries 804. Note, there are multiple access control entries in that will cause a same counting mechanism to be adjusted. Also, the value ~~that~~ by which a particular counter is adjusted can be one (e.g., corresponding to one item or packet), a byte count (e.g., a size of an item, packet, frame, or datagram) or any other value.